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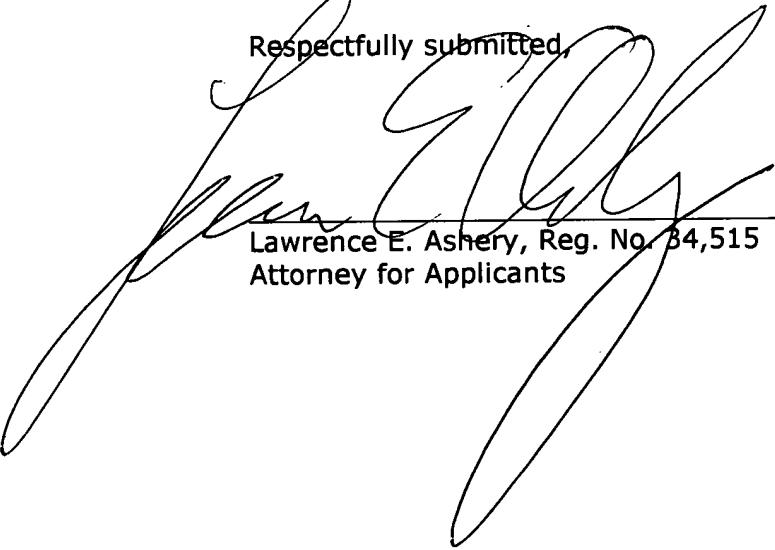
Claims 3, 5, and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tatsuhiko (JP 2002-109810). This rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims.

Claims 1, and 2 have been allowed.

Claims 4, 6, and 8 were objected to but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 4, 6, and 8 have been rewritten accordingly.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

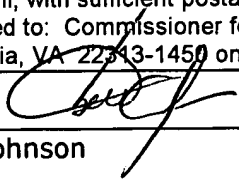
  
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